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B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"Is it in the interest of the people that the Government should prefer a private body to the municipality?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"My friend, who is a lawyer, ought to know what the provisions of the Electricity Act are. The municipality can get it only after the licence is revoked. And the Government have no right to compel the licensee to transfer the licence to the municipality."

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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Local Self-Government.

Assessment of scavenging tax on the Madura Mills Company by the Tuticorin Municipal Council.

858 *Q.*—Mr. W. K. M. LANGLEY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Local Self-Government Department issued G.O. Ms. No. 132, L. & M., dated 6th January 1934, asking the Municipal Council to reconsider its decision in the matter of the assessment of scavenging tax of the Tuticorin Municipal Council on the Madura Mills Company;

(*b*) whether notwithstanding this Government Order, the Municipal Council at its meeting on 9th February 1934, insisted on a continuance of the scavenging tax; and

(*c*) what further action the Government propose to take in the matter; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to effect an amendment of the District Municipalities Act in order to render section 83 (4) mandatory?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Manager, Madura Mills Company, Ltd., Tuticorin, brought the fact to the notice of the Government.

(*c*) The Government do not propose to take any further action in the matter.

(*d*) No.

Electricity.

Purchase of posts and insulators for the Pykara Hydro-Electric Scheme.

859 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of posts for the line purchased locally during the year 1933–34 for the Pykara Hydro-Electric Scheme;

(*b*) whether they are made of Indian materials or whether they are imported;

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(c) whether attempts have been made to get these locally or in any Indian manufacturing firms; and

(d) whether insulators made in India are now available?

A.—(a) About 2,400.

(b) All the poles are imported ones excepting about 145 which are second hand rails and presumably of Indian make.

(c) There is no Indian firm manufacturing suitable steel tubular poles.

(d) Only L.T. insulators of Indian make are available and these are being used.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Qualifications of the Lecturer in Kanarese, Ceded Districts College, Anantapur.

*860 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that no proper arrangements are made in the Ceded Districts College for tuition in Kanarese as main group or subsidiary group;

(b) what the qualifications are of the lecturer appointed to teach Kanarese translation in the said College;

(c) whether the mother-tongue of the said lecturer is Kanarese; and

(d) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) This is not the case; adequate provision exists for teaching Kanarese under Part II of both the Intermediate and the B.A. courses.

(b) He is an M.A. of the Madras University, in Telugu and Kanarese.

(c) His mother-tongue is Telugu.

(d) No action is contemplated.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know if the lecturer is a graduate in Kanarese?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It is said in the answer that he is an M.A. in Telugu and Kanarese."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" My question is whether he is B.A. in Kanarese? May I ask whether Kanarese was his principal language for his M.A.?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It appears that Telugu was his principal language."

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Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaints as to his qualifications?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" No, Sir; not as far as I am aware."

Admission of Adi-Dravidas without previous teaching experience into training schools.

* 861 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued orders that only pupils who have had one year's previous experience as teachers should be admitted into training schools;

(*b*) whether previous to the date of passing the order, the Adi-Dravidas and other backward communities could secure admission even without previous service;

(*c*) whether the Commissioner of Labour was consulted before passing revised orders regulating the admission even of Adi-Dravida pupils;

(*d*) whether the Director of Public Instruction or the Government have received representations pointing out that it would be impossible for the Adi-Dravidas to satisfy the condition imposed; and

(*e*) if the answer to clause (*d*) is in the affirmative, what orders have been passed on those representations?

11-15 a.m. *A.*—(*a*) The Director issued proceedings to this effect in August last but in subsequent proceedings issued in December it was intimated that in the case of women, Muslims and the depressed classes, where sufficient candidates with one year teaching experience were not forthcoming, exemption could be made under the orders of the Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) Yes, and they can now under the orders of the Director of Public Instruction.

(*c*) The Commissioner of Labour has not been consulted.

(*d*) & (*e*) The modified proceedings of December were passed as a result of certain representations which were made to the Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know if there is any restriction on the appointment of untrained men in the local boards' schools or in schools aided by the Government?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" There is."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know how, even before they join the training school, the Government expect them to have one year's service as teachers?"

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The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"There are a number of untrained men employed as teachers, and they can get the necessary training."

Amendment to rule 138 *of the Madras Educational Rules.*

* 862 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has given retrospective effect to the amendment to rule 138 of the Madras Educational Rules;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications pending in the office of the Commissioner of Examinations have been returned to the candidates asking them to appear for the examination as per amended rule though they had completed the literary course and obtained the certificate of the Deputy Inspector of Schools; and

(*c*) whether representations have been received protesting against the decision of the Director of Public Instruction for giving retrospective effect to the amended rule and if so, what the orders of Government have been on such representations?

A.—(*a*) All applications for conversion of lower elementary trained certificates into those of the higher elementary grade which had not been disposed of before the date (4th September 1933) of the Government Order amending rule 138 have been treated as coming under the amended rule.

(*b*) Eighty-four applications received prior to 4th September, the date on which the rule was amended, were returned.

(*c*) Yes; the Government have declined to interfere.

Refusal of admission to students of the Presidency College into the Victoria Hostel.

* 863 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the strength has been of the Victoria Hostel, Madras, in each year since 1925–26;

(*b*) what the strength is in the current year;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the students, especially first and third year students of the Presidency College, Madras, are refused admission;

(*d*) if so, what it is due to;

(*e*) whether the Presidency College has got a separate hostel called Presidency College Hostel;

(*f*) what the strength is of that hostel in each year since 1925–26;